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New password required for eID accounts

Students must create a new 10-character password, update mobile devices by Feb. 8 or lose access to KSOL, iSIS and Webmail

Patrick White
staff writer

Every semester, the passwords that students and staff use to access the K-State network change.

This semester added some layers of complexity, which provide extra security for all network users. One added layer is the need to change the password settings on all electronic devices that are synced with the network. However, despite the email reminders, the changeover is still largely unfinished. As of this past weekend — just days before the Feb. 8 deadline — less than 50 percent of registered users had completed the reset.

Harvard Townsend, the chief information security officer at K-State, said that resetting passwords is important both for keeping K-State email accounts secure and keeping the network free of spam.

"K-State requires the password change in order to limit the amount of time someone can cause harm if it is stolen," Townsend said. "This could happen if it is stolen by hackers via phishing scams or compromised computers. It can also happen if you share your password with another person even though it's against K-State policy to do so."

However, as Townsend pointed out, it is important to note that there is a difference between the annoyance of spam and phishing scams, a specific type of spam that is malicious in intent.

"Generic spam is not a problem," Townsend said. "It's a specific type of spam — it's phishing scams targeting K-State users trying to steal their eID and password."

While most are familiar with phishing scams, as K-State issues warnings that the university never asks for information via email, a new kind of phishing scam is still catching people off guard.

"We have had several duped by the 'work at home' scam," Townsend said.

Townsend said that K-State students need to respond to the simple and important task of resetting their passwords in order to protect their online accounts.

"About 17,000 registered K-State eIDs have reset their password," Townsend. "Out of approximately 41,000 active ones, less than half have responded. Most wait to the last minute or miss the deadline and get locked out of K-State Online, Webmail and iSIS."

Alexandria Powell, sophomore in psychology, said that it was easiest for her to remember to change her password by not trying to remember to do it at all.

"I changed it the first time I saw a reminder in my inbox," Powell explained.

The other added layer of complexity was a change in password restrictions. The old standards required passwords to have five to eight characters and three different kinds of characters other than lowercase — capital letters, numbers and special symbols.

Now, in addition to the extra three types of characters, the new guidelines requires passwords to have at least 10 characters and at most 30 characters.

The new, more complex requirements make the passwords harder to steal or guess. Since making a new password under the new guidelines, Powell said that her password was stronger than before.

"I think I made a good password," Powell said. "I tried making it just a name, but the restrictions wouldn't allow that, so I mixed and changed it up. It was a little hard to remember at first, so I wrote it down. After typing it in a few times, I've got it memorized."

Rebecca Gould, director of the information technology assistance center, had some tips to make a good password.

"Find a phrase that works," Gould said. "It has to meet the character length requirements. Maybe choose an obscure line from a song, movie or book. Then mix in the other character requirements but don't do them in blocks."

Townsend said it is important to remember that all wireless devices are affected by password changes as well. To make sure your synced devices stay connected to K-State, you must change the password settings on all synced devices.

"People who have multiple devices linked to the network should gather all of them up and then make sure to change the password settings on each one," Townsend said. "If they don't do that, or if they don't change their password for their eID, Thursday morning nothing is going to work for them when they try to connect."

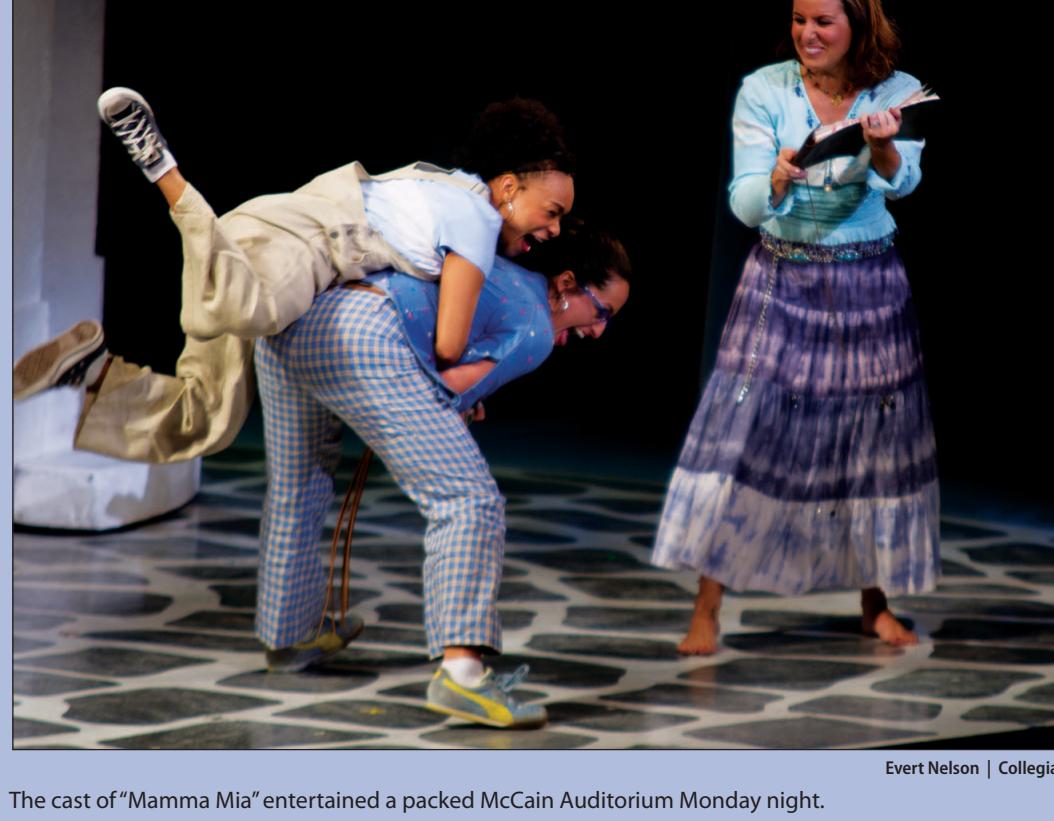
Feb. 8 is the deadline for resetting account passwords. To reset a password, visit eid.k-state.edu.

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For more tips on how to make a strong password, visit k-state.edu/its/eid/faqs_password.html.



'Mamma Mia!' entertains sold out crowd



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The cast of "Mamma Mia" entertained a packed McCain Auditorium Monday night.

Broadway musical draws standing ovation, awards audience with 10-minute-long encore performance

Darrington Clark
staff writer

Flashing neon lights, tall white platform boots and spandex of all shades; this was the spectacle that hundreds of people came to see Monday night in McCain Auditorium.

The Broadway musical "Mamma Mia!" sold out as the cast stopped in Manhattan to perform the songs of Swedish pop group ABBA. The standing ovation in the packed theater gave way to a host of encore performances, turning the musical into a

full concert.

"Mamma Mia!" tells the fictional story of a girl on a mission to find the identity of her biological father, a secret her mother has kept from her throughout her life. The characters in the show narrate, converse and even argue

not only through dialogue, but through the music of ABBA's most popular and recognized songs.

The musical was adapted into the well-known movie in 2008. The auditorium was filled with audience members who were buzzing with anticipation about the music and cast, and the appeal of seeing the original stage version captivated some audience members such as Debbie Pickrell, Manhattan resident.

"I had seen the movie," Pickrell said. "This is my first time seeing the stage version. Obviously doing

it this way will be harder."

Pickrell said that she was looking forward to seeing how the stage version would accommodate elements that were in the movie.

"The movie had things like water, and other things that can't be on stage, but this will still be exciting," Pickrell said.

The lights dimmed, the sound of an electric keyboard began the overture and the crowd took their seats as the set was revealed.

The staging for the musical comprised of two set pieces which were manually revolved by the cast. The set pieces were rearranged throughout the show to create a beach, a hotel, a wedding aisle and a dance floor. Some audience members had never seen the film version, and had no idea what to expect.

"I never saw the movie, but I like this," said Jamone Lipsey, junior in life sciences.

"The only things I've ever seen on stage are 'Hamlet,' 'Fall of the House of Usher' and 'The Lion King,' but this has a lot of energy."

The "Mamma Mia!" cast featured Kaye Tuckerman and Chloe Tucker in lead roles. Tuckerman has previously appeared in touring productions of "The Boy From Oz," "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Les Misérables." Tucker began touring as Sophie Sheridan in "Mamma Mia!" in 2002.

"To ask where we've been is hard," said Rick Anderson, an official merchandise salesman who had been with the cast since 2001. "To ask where we haven't been is a better question. I've been off and on with this cast for 10 years, and people love this

show."

Anderson was in the McCain lobby before and after the show and during intermission, selling "Mamma Mia!" items: T-shirts, soundtracks, seen-on-stage props like long, pink feather boas and official Broadway playbills.

Whether or not audience members had seen the movie did not prevent them from enjoying and appreciating the stage version.

"My favorite part is the music," Pickrell said. "Some of the songs here are a little bit different than the movie, but this has all been very good."

The stage adaptation takes advantage of more than the actor's voices. To go along with the ABBA sound, vibrant costumes and make-up were utilized to add for entertainment. Before the night was over, the audience was able to witness bright pink go-go outfits, deep blue scuba suits and men in wedding dresses.

"I like the costumes," Lipsey said. "There was one scene that reminded me of Chaka Khan and Lady Marmalade."

The cast's energy, precision and delivery of punch lines kept the audience laughing and talking. The audience for the event ranged widely in age. There was a balanced mix of K-State students and Manhattan residents, many of whom brought their families.

The liveliness of the performance and the vibrance of the sets and costumes drew a standing ovation from the audience, to which the cast responded with a 10-minute-long encore performance. The actors urged the audience to sing, wave their hands and clap along.

"I see this show all the time," Anderson said. "I watch this cast every night, and every night they deliver that energy. People are leaving happy, I'm happy, you're happy, everyone loves it."

State Senator talks social media, economic issues

Sean Frye
staff writer

Garrett Love, Republican state senator for the 38th District in Kansas and the youngest senator in the state, spoke at the KSU College Republicans meeting on Monday.

Love discussed several topics including his use of social media that was instrumental in his election at only 22 years old and also spoke on the issues he is tackling at the capitol building in Topeka.

When Love defeated Tim Huelkamp, 24-year incumbent senator, he was able to utilize social media campaigns on Facebook and YouTube to help spread his message as well as save money.

"My opponent was 70 years old at the time and had a lot more campaign funds than I did," Love said. "My opponent had spent \$100,000 the previous cycle, and we were hoping to get to \$15,000. So being able to reach out to so many voters has been a big impact."

Love also maintains, however, that traditional forms of campaigning were still the top priority during election time.

"We were able to connect with a lot of folks and get



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Garrett Love a Republican member of the Kansas State Senate representing the 38th district, speaks in K-State Student Union room 213 to students about the issues that he is concerned with in Kansas.

them involved," Love said. "We still went and knocked on doors though and made those phone calls. That's still the most important thing you can do."

At the meeting, Love also discussed the issues he is tackling that affect college students. According to the senator, the primary issue was the job market.

"Bringing in jobs and businesses will affect higher education," Love said. "Our economy has led us to where our college graduates are sitting around for one or two years twiddling their thumbs."

Love said that the economic model used in Texas should be studied and replicated in Kansas in order to

decrease unemployment and increase growth.

"We see Texas blowing everybody out of the water in job growth," Love said. "I know as a K-State fan, we don't like losing to Texas. So in legislation, I don't want to get beat by Texas either. We want people to come to the state of Kansas and invest to bring in jobs. That's a top

priority."

Love does his best to attend many education-related events throughout the state. Since he is still so young compared to many of those in public service, he said that he feels like he is able to more closely relate with students.

"I always look forward to opportunities to connect with college students or high school groups because this is the next generation of leaders," Love said. "It's important that someone close to their age tells them to get involved and stay engaged in everything that is going on in government."

The students that attended Monday's meeting were very pleased with the message that Love brought to them.

"We thought about Love coming a while ago," said Ashton Archer, senior in mechanical engineering and president of KSU College Republicans. "I feel like a lot of people don't have good young role models in politics, they just see the old geezers. So having someone his age that is fresh out of college and making a difference is definitely an inspiration."

Rane Cravens, junior in political science, said he enjoyed the overall feel of the speech given by Love.

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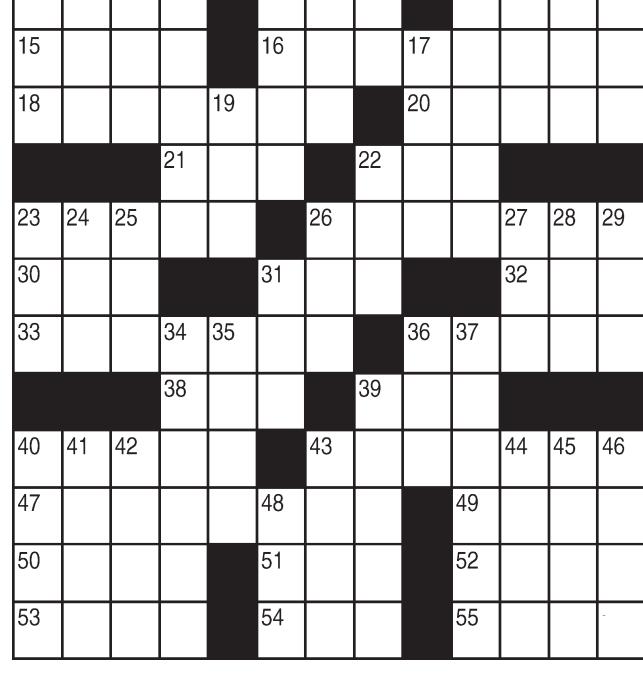
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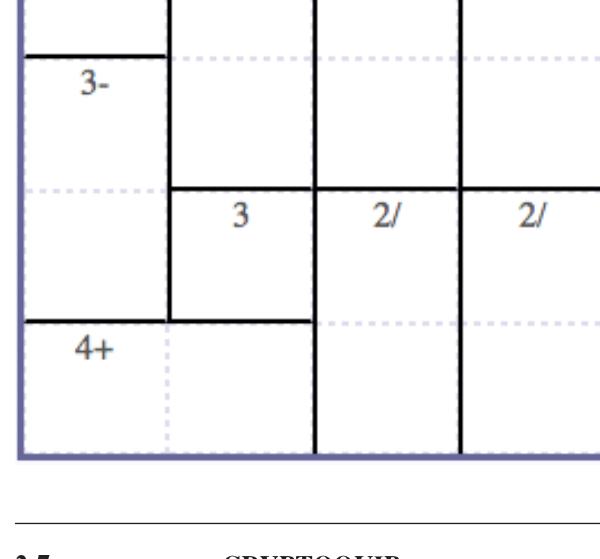
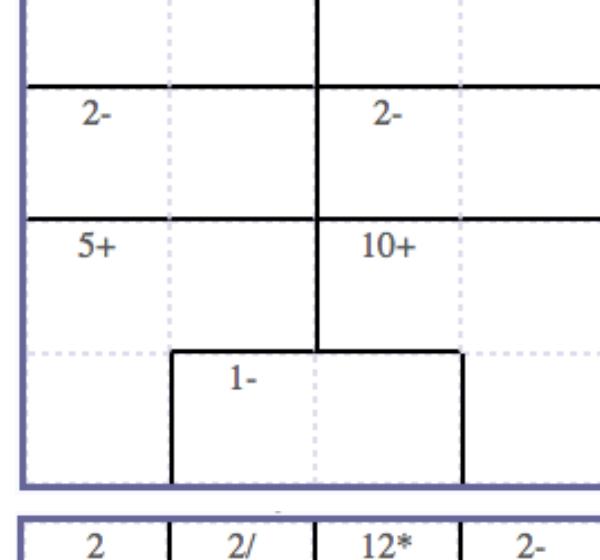
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Jalana Childs reflects on time at K-State on, off court



Tommy Theis | Collegian

Jalana Childs, senior forward, as she steals the ball away from **Brooklyn Pope** during the game against Baylor on Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum.

Senior leader said she has enjoyed her four years at K-State, looks forward to future endeavors

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

Jalana Childs, senior forward, has been making an impact on the K-State women's basketball for the past four years. Described by head coach Deb Patterson as having a great attitude on and off the court and as a leader to her teammates, her presence has not gone unnoticed during her time at K-State.

On the court, Childs competes with a fierce passion and intensity, while off the court she is one of the friendliest people around.

Now, in her final year of

playing for the Wildcats, Childs is looking forward to her future. However, leaving an environment she has grown to love comes with its difficulties.

"It's kind of bittersweet, because I've had a lot of fun here at K-State," Childs said, "and you don't really want that fun to end, on the court and with my teammates."

Childs came to K-State from Orlando, Fla., and despite the fact the weather is chillier, Childs has enjoyed life in Manhattan.

"It's so different," Childs said. "I miss the sun, I miss the beach. It's been a crazy transition, but I think what overcomes the beach and the sun is the people that I've met. I've met a lot of great friends who have helped me a lot to just grow as a person. I've learned

from a lot of people at K-

State and it's definitely been fun, so I'm glad I'm here, I'm glad I'm in Kansas."

Childs is majoring in hotel and restaurant management, and is looking forward to an internship at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan this coming spring.

While juggling school and basketball is not always an easy task, Childs said she has gotten used to it over her years of combining basketball and college life, and has found that she has more time than most people would think for her schoolwork and socializing outside of practices and games.

Childs said being with her teammates, on and off the court, has been one area during her time at K-State that she has loved.

"We're just a bunch of crazy kids having fun, hanging out together, dancing, joking around, reminiscing," Childs said about life with her teammates. "I'm pretty close with everyone."

This season for Childs has been a good one, as she averages 13.9 points per game, and scored her 1,000th career point this year during the Big 12 Conference season.

Her past years at K-State have been successful as well, as she held Big 12 Freshman of the week during her freshman year and was a part of the 2009-10 Academic All-Big 12 first team. She played in all 32 games her junior year, and also made an appearance in every game her sophomore year.

With such success comes somewhat of a celebrity status off the court, a status Childs says she enjoys, but at times can get to be a bit hectic.

"It's cool, but it's a little

overwhelming," Childs said.

"My adviser, Nancy Hansen, would give me shout outs in class, and I sat in front. So

I thought, 'these people are going to be scared of me, they're not going to want to talk to me and think I'm a prima donna when really I'm just a normal girl.'

Sometimes it prevents me from making friends, but I'm just some normal kid."

This season the Big 12 has played every team in the conference both away and at home. While it gives every team an equal opportunity of having home-court advantage, the busy schedule has kept the team traveling often.

"It's the best schedule for the Big 12," Childs said, "but I don't really like it. For the month of January we traveled every weekend, so every Saturday we had an away game, and now Febru-

ary comes and we have an away game every Wednesday."

Childs said she feels bad having to miss so much class, but she finds ways to stay caught up and fortunately her teachers are "really cool about it."

As her time on the team winds down, Childs has been able to look forward to her future in hotel and restaurant managing.

"I'm kind of ready for the real world, I think coach P [Patterson] has prepared us with her lessons on the court and off the court," Childs said. "She's prepared us for the real world, and I'm ready to experience it, but then again, it's going to suck not being able to be on the court and play and experience these fans that we have, but it's been a fun ride, it's been a real fun ride, I'm blessed to be here."

K-State men's basketball looks to make a late season push



Adam Suderman

Under the leadership of Frank Martin, K-State basketball has had its fair share of ups and downs. Take a glance at the highest points and you will find a common factor.

Upper classman leadership is one of the most important, if not the most important, characteristics of a Frank Martin basketball team.

Whether that leadership takes place off the floor or on the floor, finding someone to take control of the team was one of the main points brought up by fans and media before this season started.

The Wildcats brought back a healthy crop of players but brought in several freshmen to help fill spots and build depth.

Transitioning from a team led by K-State career scoring leader Jacob Pullen and fellow senior Curtis Kelly wasn't going to be an easy task for any player no matter whether you're new to the program or not.

Glimpses of success have shown throughout Big 12 Conference play but a consistent threat has been hard to come by for K-State.

Following last Saturday's win over Texas A&M, Martin continues his astonishing 21-3 record in the month of February during his tenure as head coach.

When asked about bringing similar success to this season's team, Martin referred to the

leadership that has been in place since his arrival in 2007.

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Frank Martin
K-State basketball coach

ruary," Martin said. "Those guys aren't here. Every team is different. Let's see how this team fares in February. Do I have confidence that it can happen? Absolutely. Am I going to predict it? No, I know how hard winning is."

K-State has often been criticized this season for lacking a consistent leading scorer, but after Rodney McGruder's strong start at the beginning of conference play, it looked as if a clear-cut leader has been revealed.

Freshman forward Thomas Gipson began the year as one of the Wildcats most consistent scoring threats.

When fellow freshman guard Angel Rodriguez has been able to stay on the floor, he has become a literal driving force to the Wildcat offense.

Sophomore guard Will Spradling faced the tall task of replacing Denis Clemente in his freshman season. Now in his sophomore year, expectations have been high.

Spradling has gone through shooting struggles this season but re-ignited his confidence after a 19 point performance against Texas A&M. In order to maintain Spradling's recent success, Martin believes it'll come down to one decision.

"He hasn't passed up open shots, which was my biggest thing with him," Martin said. "It's not just not having confidence in himself, it's having confidence in his teammates."

The Wildcats pride themselves on their ability to rebound and it's crucial that players like Spradling take open shots when the opportunity is available.

"We're one of the better offensive rebounding teams in the country, not just in this league," Martin said. "One of the reasons for that is, our guys shoot when they are open and our guys go rebound it when their teammates shoot it. If he [Spradling] won't shoot it, then it's hard to go rebound it when he misses. He's obviously taken that to heart."

You typically take two to three of those situations and put them together, and this team is capable of competing with anybody in the country.

For K-State, the win over Texas A&M displayed several positives. Being able to maintain that performance as they hit the homestretch of conference play will be the determining factor of the team's postseason fate.

If Martin's head coaching career up to this season is any indication, K-State is in for an exciting conclusion to the season.

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Two- minute drill

NFL:

Todd Haley, former Kansas City Chiefs' head coach, will join the Pittsburgh Steelers as their offensive coordinator as a source told ESPN senior analyst Chris Mortensen.

Haley met with Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin on Jan. 31 after being fired by the Chiefs December 2011.

Bruce Arians, the previous offensive coordinator for the Steelers, was not retained and left a void in the Steelers' coaching staff but was picked up for the same position by the Indianapolis Colts on Jan. 30.

Haley went 19-26 in his two plus seasons with the Chiefs and won an AFC West title in 2010. He spent 10 seasons as an assistant before being hired by the Chiefs and was an offensive coordinator for the Arizona Cardinals in 2007-2008 where he was a part of their only Super Bowl appearance.

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CASE backdated Contador's ban and he will miss out on events such as the Giro d'Italia, the Tour de France and the London Olympics but will be able to return to competition on Aug. 6, meaning he will be able to ride in the Vuelta a Espana that begins on Aug. 18.

Contador had no comment but is expected to hold a news conference Tuesday.

NBA:

Minnesota Timberwolves' star-forward Kevin Love was issued a two-game suspension

by Stu Jackson, NBA executive vice president of basketball operations, for stepping onto the chest and face of Houston Rocket forward Luis Scola in the third quarter of the two teams' matchup on Saturday.

The incident occurred during one of many physical plays between the two players and resulted in the third quarter when the two got tied up while fighting for a rebound.

Love apologized to Scola after the game and in a statement issued by the team on Monday, saying he needed to do a better job of controlling his emotions.

Love will sit out Tuesday's game against the Sacramento Kings and Wednesday's game against the Memphis Grizzlies while the Timberwolves (12-12) will be trying to climb above .500 for the first time this season.

Love is averaging 25 points and 13.7 rebounds per game and tops the NBA with his 39.4 minutes per game.

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Jakki Thompson

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He loves to say "I love you."

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Valentine's Day horoscopes: looking for love in all the wrong places

HOROSCOPES



Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Domestic Dan says: "The key to a woman's heart is through the kitchen. Learn to cook, not to bake."



Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Love comes in all shapes, sizes and sorority letters. Keep your eye on the prize.



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
The next time you see that overly clingy couple in Hale, put up a sign that says "don't feed the idiots."



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Yes, your girlfriend is dumb. You know it, I know it, so does everyone in the cosmos. The better question is how do you go about telling her two plus two does not equal fish?



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Couples: remember to leave enough space for the Holy Spirit or God will send Tim Tebow to be all up in your face about it.



Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20
There are things out there much worse than the Danger Zone... for instance the "Friend Zone" and any other song sung by Kenny Loggins.



Aries March 21 - April 19
Your constant need for attention will eventually leave you old, alone and forever trying to live out your glory days in the frat house. Your only hope is to read a book every once in a while.



Taurus April 20 - May 20
Love can be a fickle old curmudgeon sometimes. It's best not to irritate it, that's what gets you a mother-in-law.



Gemini May 21 - June 20
Pet names are never cute. However, they are hilarious weapons your friends can use to egg you on later in life.



Cancer June 21 - July 22
Just because your love life is similar to Liz Lemon's from "30 Rock" does not mean you have to dress like her. "Good God Lemon."



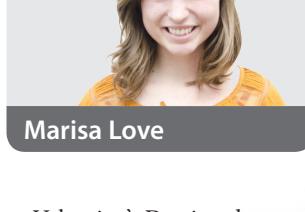
Leo July 23 - Aug. 22
Dr. Love called; he told me to tell you that he can't fix your problems. Perhaps you should see another specialist.



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
Looking for love in all the wrong places? Take out a personal ad in the Collegian. It's safer than Craigslist and more entertaining for the rest of campus.

-Compiled by Tim Schrag

A girl's guide to romance: how to treat the man in your life



Marisa Love

guys this question over the past few days, I have detected a pattern. Most guys are not concerned about expensive gifts or elaborate Pinterest projects.

Ladies, the No. 1 way to show the man in your life that you love him is to receive gifts graciously. Let him pursue you this Valentine's Day.

It might be tempting to create precise pictures in your head about what your perfect date would look like. Dreaming is OK, but don't get so set on what you want that you can't appreciate the efforts he makes. Most real men are not as naturally charming as Noah from "The Notebook" or Wesley from "The Princess Bride." And let's admit it — if men did some of the things in real life that happens in chick flicks, we would be creeped

out. Whether he gives you chocolate and roses, fixes dinner for you or surprises you with something impressively creative, acknowledge the efforts he is making for you and thank him. It takes more courage than they would admit to attempt to be romantic.

When he tells you that you look beautiful, say, "thank you." When he jumps out to open the door to the car for you, let him. It does not matter that you're fully capable of carrying in your own bags of groceries, allow him to serve you in that way.

Encourage the man in your life when he acts honorably. Don't be demanding, but allow him to treat you like a lady. So many girls complain about how chivalry is dead,

but what if we're the ones who killed it?

Now, I'm not telling you that the holiday is all about you. Here are a few fun ideas to show your man you love him this Valentine's week:

NIX THE CHICK FLICK

"Braveheart?" "Gladiator?" "The Godfather?" Perhaps he is one of the few guys who genuinely love chick flicks, but the odds are not high. Watch his idea of a great movie and you may just discover that Russell Crowe tops Ryan Gosling any day. If gore is not for you, hiding behind pillows or snuggling up to him is acceptable.

GO ON AN ADVENTURE

Find a place around Manhattan where you've never been together before. Explore the trails of the Konza Prairie. Better yet, start off on a hike without a plan and see where you end up; this is ideal for long conversations and quality time together. Have you been to one of the many secondhand stores? It's fun to look at trinkets together and find new, interesting items.

SWEETS FROM THE HEART

What's Valentine's Day without some sugar? Mix up a batch of his favorite cookies or treats. Skeptical about your baking skills? Either way, he's going to appreciate your heart and effort behind

the homemade gift. However, if you do happen to be the next Rachael Ray, he probably won't complain.

PLAY HIS FAVORITE VIDEO GAME

"FIFA," "Halo" or "Call of Duty" may not be top on your list of ways to spend time with your boyfriend, but if he enjoys playing video games, he will definitely love playing them with you. You may fumble with the controller and shoot teammates, but no matter how frustratingly bad you are, he'll certainly appreciate the effort.

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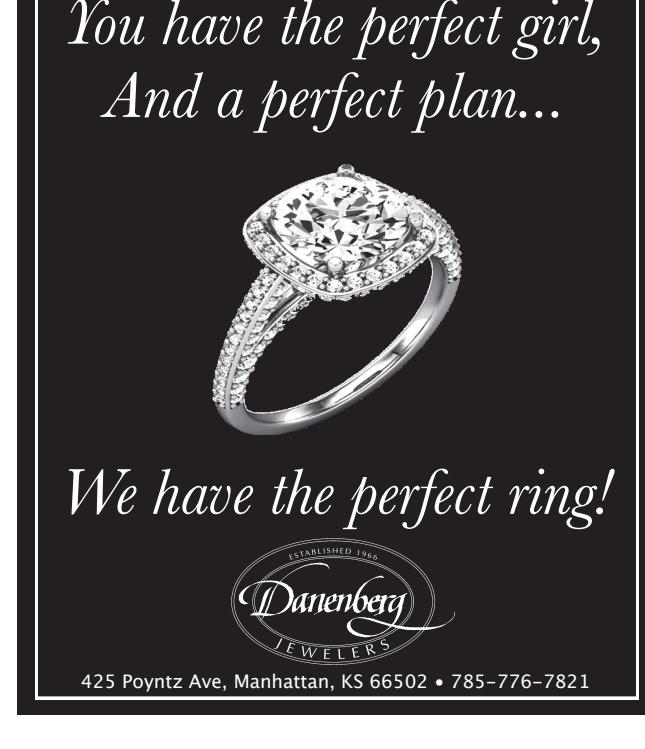
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Cohabitation beneficial to couples looking at taking next step



Andy Rao

When two people live together, both parties have to make a lot of adjustments. We have all had a messy, noisy, inconsiderate roommate at some point, and it is only a matter of time before differences in lifestyles cause strain on the setup.

The situation gets more complex when the two parties involved are in a relationship. Cohabiting with a significant other can test and strain a romantic relationship; if you find out that your girlfriend or boyfriend is an inconsiderate slob, it can make it a lot harder to be patient and loving with them.

It is, however, a necessary step that those in a committed relationship will take eventually. Although cohabiting with a significant other has its drawbacks, it is a major stepping-stone for couples to discover true compatibility and future marriage potential.

Cohabiting is an issue that has morphed over the ages. Traditionally, cohabiting has often been frowned upon due to religious and societal taboos, but in this day and age, more and more couples are living together before marriage.



Illustration by Erin Logan

According to a July 9, 2011, article by Susan Gregory Thomas in the Wall Street Journal, between seven and eight million couples are living together before getting married, up from just under four million in 2000.

Though the cohabitation rate is rapidly increasing,

traditionalists maintain that living together before marriage decreases the chances of a couple being happily married. These claims, however, don't have legitimate data to back them up.

A study done by the National Survey of Family Growth in 2002 showed

that the likelihood of an unmarried couple living together lasting the decade after marriage was 55 percent, according to a March 3, 2010, NY Daily News article by Sheryl Connelly. This means that a couple that cohabitantes has just over a 50-50 chance of being in a lasting relation-

ship.

When the odds of staying together are higher than not, it seems living together before marriage isn't the doom of relationships like many critics say and can in fact help a couple understand each other.

Cohabiting with another person is much more than simply playing house. Things like differences in lifestyles and schedules coupled with different priorities can add to rooming difficulties and test a relationship.

Regardless of the hurdles that a couple has to jump, this test run to marriage can be a blessing in disguise for many couples.

Marriage is so much more than being in love; there are a lot of factors that affect a couple's happiness, including compatibility, and what better way to test compatibility than to live together? It is the best way to grow accustomed to the other's tendencies, quirks and annoying habits rather than get thrown to the sharks after getting married.

Many say that cohabiting can cause the luster of marriage to wear off quickly and can cause future spouses to feel like roommates instead of spouses. Traditionalists make the case that jumping into cohabitation can make marriage feel like just another step.

This point is moot, however, because regardless of when a couple starts to live

together, the honeymoon phase will eventually wear off. Truly strong relationships will benefit from cohabitation, which will make the transition from pre-married to married life a lot easier.

Others point at the fact that if a couple breaks up while living together, it could make way for an extremely awkward situation in which one or the other is forced to move out.

This is a risk, however, that people who have roommates regularly take anyways. Anyone could find themselves in the same situation with a friend when they have a falling out, but that has never stopped people from finding roommates to live with.

The argument that couples who live together before marriage are less likely to be happy is flawed because all of the statistics don't isolate this factor. For example, strains in marriages could be caused by infidelity, financial problems and a variety of other personal differences.

Cohabitation is by no means a guaranteed means to a happy marriage. It only makes sense, however, that the more accustomed two people are to each other's preferences, tendencies and habits, the easier it will be to live together happily as a married couple.

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Agricultural degrees vital for increasing population, not useless as some believe

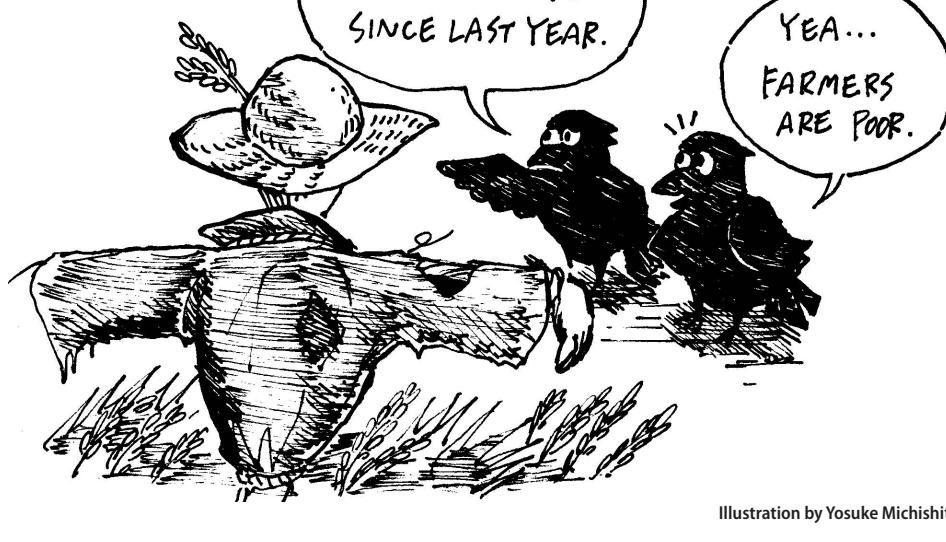


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Are you pursuing a worthless degree? Are you wasting your time and money on an education that is insignificant?

According to a recent Yahoo News article, degrees in agriculture — my future degree — are worthless.

In the article "College Majors That Are Useless," author Terence Loose cites five college majors that produce degrees to avoid. In order they are agriculture, fashion design, theatre, animal science and horticulture.

The article explains its findings with the National Association of Colleges and Employers' 2012 Job Outlook study, which asked 1,000 employers about their hiring plans.

At the top of the list were business majors, with 83 percent of employers preferring them for employment. Next on the list were accounting and computer and information science majors; 60 percent of employers said they were seeking those applicants.

However, the study was com-

posed of mostly non-ag related businesses, so there was a bias against agriculture majors.

Reporting the study's findings, Loose also wrote that agriculture programs are being cut due to "hard times," but there is plenty of evidence that suggests otherwise.

For instance, enrollment in animal science is growing at K-State, surpassing 1,000 students for the first time last fall. Maynard Hogberg, chair of the Iowa State University animal science department, said in a Jan. 20 CattleNetwork article by Greg Henderson that he is also seeing record enrollment.

"Enrollment in animal science at Iowa State has set new records for the past six years," Hogberg said. "Over 95 percent of our recent graduates have found jobs, and the average starting salary exceeded \$38,000 per year."

Increasing enrollments, however, are no guarantee of a rewarding career in agriculture, but a logical evaluation of the world around us and testimony from recent graduates points to a growing need for trained agricultural professionals.

Within 12 hours after Yahoo posted the story about allegedly useless college majors, a

Facebook page called "I Studied Agriculture & I Have A Job" was up and agriculture graduates were posting comments about rewarding careers they found using their degrees.

A common theme among the posts was how uninformed and misleading the Yahoo story was.

Even if the author of the Yahoo story and others don't view agriculture as an attractive profession, logic should suggest that agriculture and related careers will be in high demand in the future.

The world's population is projected to reach nine billion by the year 2050, and research by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations says food production will need to double in order to feed those people, according to the organization's website.

Around the world, trained agricultural professionals are critical to survival and the security of nations.

For instance, Joyce Turk, senior livestock adviser at the Bureau of Food Security for the U.S. Agency for International Development, said there "is no better example of livestock to food security and to livelihoods" than the loss of animals.

The growing demand for food means jobs for those trained in crop science, meat and dairy science, food processing, biotechnology, animal nutrition, genetics, food evaluation, new product development - the list is almost endless.

And agriculture degrees aren't limited to the food industry.

Cathie Lavis, associate professor of horticulture at K-State, posted this comment to the CattleNetwork article about agriculture degrees: "Graduates from our Kansas State University Horticultural program typically have a number of job offers prior to graduation. There is high demand in the Green Industry for highly trained and skilled Horticulturists."

K-State has approximately 2,400 students pursuing various degrees in agriculture. Facts and logic suggest the majority of those graduates will find rewarding and successful careers in a profession currently striving to feed more than seven billion hungry people.

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Catching up on some cricket



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In an empty parking lot outside of their apartment building on Kearney Street, a group of friends play a match of cricket. Kiran Uppu, graduate student in civil engineering, hits the ball while Anurag Muthyarn, freshman in mechanical engineering waits for the catch.

SENATOR| Love learned leadership roles at Washburn

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"I thought Senator Love did a great job," Cravens said.

"He did a great job with a lot of the issues and got really motivational. He was able to really hit on how age doesn't matter, it's about where your heart is at and how you approach the issues."

Love attended Washburn University in Topeka. He originally went to Washburn on a men's basketball scholarship, but left the team after three years to become student body president. Love said that one of the biggest lessons he learned at Wash-

burn was how to accept defeat.

"I learned a lot about losing at Washburn," Love said. "Wherever you are in life, losing happens. Whoever learns how to lose the right way will go a long way."

In addition to learning how to lose, Love also said that, through his tenure with the basketball team, he learned plenty about leadership.

"I learned about the different roles of leadership when I played at Washburn, and that's just how politics are in today's world," Love said.

After the meeting, Love

said he was not officially endorsing any of the current republican candidates for President of the United

States, but said he will support whoever receives the republican nomination.

"I am looking forward to

getting behind our nominee, helping the right candidate and getting Obama out of office," Love said.

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Commissioners to vote on ordinance

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City commissioners will vote to approve the final development plans for the future downtown entertainment district tonight.

The Manhattan City Commission will vote on approving the first reading of an ordinance regarding enhanced enforcement of overcrowding violations.

The proposed ordinance considers allowing the Riley County Police Department to close a business for up to 24 hours following an incident of overcrowding. RCPD has the authority to enforce overcrowding policies and to increase the penalties for violations.

The City Commission meeting will take place in the City Commission Room in City Hall Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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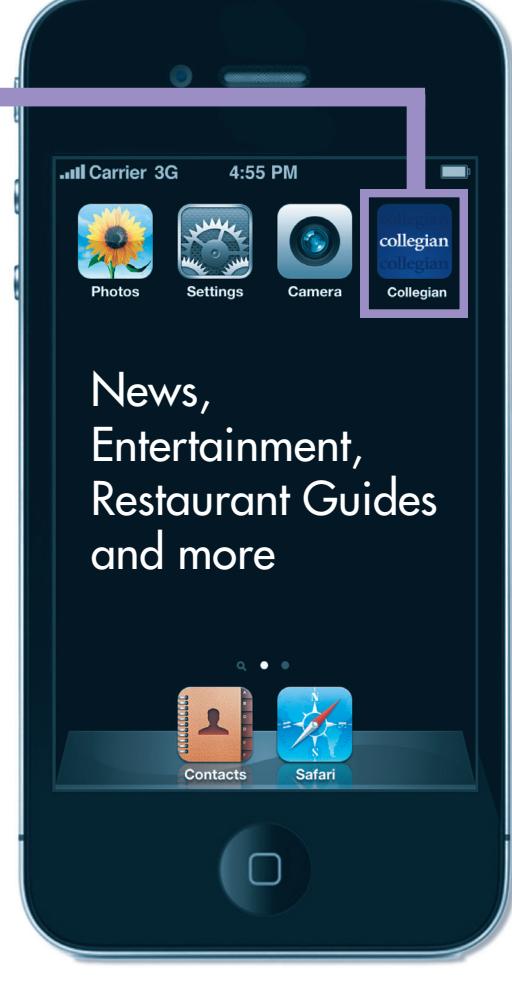
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Jamar Samuels dunks the basketball during Saturday's game, putting the Wildcats on the board in the first half. The Wildcats went on to win against Texas A&M, 64-53.

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ABOVE LEFT: After a missed 3-point attempt, Jordan Henriquez, junior forward, rebounds the ball to get the Wildcats two more points against Texas A&M.

ABOVE RIGHT: Everybody waits in anticipation after Will Spradling, sophomore guard, throws up a huge 3-pointer to give the Wildcats three more points against Texas A&M.

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GAME ON

Men's basketball tries to create a winning streak against Texas Tech



Junior guard Rodney McGruder looks to block a Texas A&M player from passing the ball back in during Saturday's game. The Cats went on to win 64-53.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman Rodriguez makes impact on men's basketball team



After Saturday's game against Texas A&M, Angel Rodriguez, freshman guard, is interviewed by the Big 12 Network. K-State beat Texas A&M, 64-53.

Frank Martin says
'Rodriguez is tuned in and competitive'

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

It takes hard work, talent and confidence for a freshman to hold a starting position on an NCAA Division I basketball team, and freshman guard Angel Rodriguez has shown a combination of the three this season for the Wildcats.

While gaining the experience the upperclassmen hold takes seasons of playing in games and developing, freshmen have to prove themselves every second they have on the court. It takes a different mentality, a different work ethic.

"I'm used to the work ethic here," Rodriguez said. "I'm used to everything, so now it's kind of up to me whether I want to do it the right way or not."

Rodriguez has started the past six games for the Wildcats and has been working toward adapting to the fast pace and intensity of Big 12 Conference basketball. Head coach Frank Martin described Rodriguez in his past practices as "being in tuned, his effort, focus, his competitiveness, is all in the right places."

Rodriguez attended Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School in Miami, Fla., and had many achievements during his high school years. His school basketball team was ranked at No. 1 in Florida, and No. 11 in the nation during his senior year, and Rodriguez was rated as the No. 4 prospect in the state of Florida according to Florida-

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Rodriguez's high school coaches and Martin all told him playing basketball in college would be a completely different atmosphere.

"Frank told me how it was going to be," Rodriguez said, "but that's the thing, hearing it is one thing, and actually going through it is another."

Getting used to the K-State style of basketball was a struggle in the beginning for

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Angel Rodriguez
freshman guard

Rodriguez as he went from shorter high school practices to intense, three-hour practices with K-State. Rodriguez said in high school it would be O.K. if you slipped up once or twice in a practice, but in college it has been different, and you have to work your hardest every time you step on the court, whether that is in practice or in a game.

"It was tough at first, it was very tough actually," Rodriguez said about his time playing with K-State. "Now I feel comfortable, I feel like

I've been here for a long time. I feel like there's no struggle anymore. [I] just got to keep learning and getting used to the system and trying to be consistent every day at what I do."

In three games this season, Rodriguez has led the Wildcats in points scored, and he holds a 7.5 points-per-game average.

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